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SUBJECT: PRIMIN POSTPONES VISIT TO LIBYA

1. PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM, ON RETURNING UNEXPECTEDLY TO MAURITIUS SEPTEMBER 9, STATED AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE HAD BEEN REQUIRED "POSTPONE" HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO LIBYA (PORT LOUIS A-167, JULY 10, 1973) BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. SAID HE HAD, HOWEVER, SEEN QUADHAFI AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THEN PARENTHETICALLY ADDED HE HAD ALSO SEEN PRESIDENT SADAT. CONVERSATIONS DURING LATTER MEETING MAY HAVE HELD KEY TO POSSIBLE OTHER REASONS BEHIND CANCELLATION OF LIBYA VISIT.

2. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIMIN ALSO REFERRED TO TALKS HE HAD HELD WITH OFFICIALS IN KOREA, JAPAN AND MOSCOW, BUT ADDED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE BEYOND WHAT HAD BEEN REPORTED IN PRESS CONCERNING THESE VISITS.

3. DURING COURTESY CALL ON PRIMIN SEPT. 10 BY OFFICERS OF TWO US NAVY DESTROYERS IN PORT, DR. RAM MADE FURTHER REFERENCE TO ANOTHER POINT HE HAD RAISED DURING AIRPORT INTERVIEW, VIZ., THAT THERE HAD BEEN UNDERCURRENT AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CON-

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REFERENCE TO EFFECT THAT DETENTE BETWEEN US-USSR HAD DELETERIOUS

EFFECT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PRIMIN REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT SUCH DETENTE WAS IN INTEREST OF PEACE AND HARMONY AND NOT AT EXPENSE OF THIRD WORLD.

4. PRIMIN SAID HE EXPECTED LEAVE FOR UNGA IN "ABOUT FORTNIGHT'S TIME."
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